

THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED HELD IN THE DRUIDS CLUB ROOMS 4TH FLOOR, DRUIDS CHAMBERS, WELLINGTON, ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 1974, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M. AND CARRYING THROUGH UNTIL FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 1974

PRESENT:

Mr I.J. Dickinson, President in the Chair

Messrs M. Cloake, M.D. Haines, J.D. Lorimer, D. Penrose and J. de Wit

In attendance: E.R. Neal, Association's Secretary
N. Stanton, Editor of New Zealand Beekeeper

WELCOME:

Mr Dickinson welcomed members of the Executive. He said there was a lot of business to transact and a lot of things had happened since the Executive last met. Mr Dickinson said he had made the observation to Mr Lorimer and the Secretary when he was talking to them prior to the meeting that there appeared to be a communications drought from branch members and Officers of the Executive. Mr Dickinson said that he would have thought that there had been plenty of matters to discuss and that this would have prompted communications to the Executive. Mr Dickinson wondered whether the Branch Presidents were really thinking or were having an easy time or worse still did not trust the Executive.

MINUTES OF

PREVIOUS MEETING:

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Cloake it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting, held on the 11 and 12 December 1973, as previously circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed as being a true and correct record of proceedings.

MATTERS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES:

Mr Penrose said that the idea of listing correspondence in the minutes seemed to be an excellent one, and that there had been a good reaction from several members regarding this.

Boom Loaders It was noted that this was on the Agenda and would be taken later.

EXTRA ITEMS FOR
AGENDA FOR MATTERS
NOT COVERED ON
PUBLISHED AGENDA:

Members of Executive gave the Chairman extra items which were placed on the Agenda. Mr Lorimer said that members should write in to the Secretary in good time so that the Agenda could be published in advance of the meeting and Executive therefore have time to consider the matters which were going to be considered at the actual meeting. Mr Dickinson said that members of the Executive should not hold back if they had no items at all to be placed on the agenda. All they needed to do was get a postcard and send it to the Secretary to this effect. Mr Dickinson said it was in the interest of Executive members and Association members for Executive members to study an Agenda for a meeting and get their local members or branch views on the topics to be discussed.

ACCOUNTS FOR
PAYMENT:

The Secretary submitted a list of accounts paid and now needing ratification. On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Haines it was resolved that the Secretary's statement be received and the accounts paid now be ratified.

Armstrong & Springhall	Ptg.Sty.	27.99
Geoffrey C.Wood Studio Ltd.	Conf.Sdry.	6.92
Neal & Brydon	Postage	15.75
	Exec.Sdry.	14.91
	Sundry	.02
	Fee	400.00
		430.68
Woodward T & D Agency	Ptg.Sty.	1.56
N.Z.Insurance Co.Ltd.	Vol.Pub.Liab.	4.00
" " " "	" " "	4.25
Neal & Brydon	Fee	400.00
	Postage	13.10
Dalgety N.Z. Ltd.	Exec.Accom.	96.75
Far North Branch	Far Nth.Br.30% 3rd Qtr.	13.20
Northland	Northland " " "	5.40

Auckland	Auckland Br	30%	3rd Qtr	19.20
Waikato	Waikato	"	"	24.00
Bay of Plenty	B/Plenty	"	"	34.80
Hawkes Bay	H/Bay	"	"	25.20
C/S.H.B.	C/S.H.B.	"	"	3.60
S.W.Districts	S.W.D.	"	"	18.60
Nelson	Nelson	"	"	4.20
West Coast	W/Coast	"	"	1.20
Canterbury	C/Bury	"	"	45.00
Sth.Canterbury	S.C/Bury	"	"	1.80
North Otago	N/Otago	"	"	3.60
Otago	Otago	"	"	22.80
Southland	S/Land	"	"	11.40
Woodward T & D Agency	Ptg.Sty.			59.57
N.A.C. Bulk Air A/c	Deposit			200.00
Pracess Art Studios	Mag.Other			38.20
Neal & Brydon	Fee	400.00		
	Postage	9.68		
	Tolls	10.50	420.18	
Armstrong & Springhall	Ptg.Sty.			11.77
Pracess Art Studios	Mag.Other			20.70
Boughtwood Ptg.House	Mag.Ptg.	400.00		
	" Other	71.24	471.24	
Scott Hardie Boys Morrison & Jeffries	Legal Exes.			3.00
Woodward T & D Agency	Ptg.Sty.	2.90		
D. Penrose	Mag.Other	12.16	15.06	
	Tolls	3.10		
	Train	6.00	9.10	/
Editor			180.06	/
N. Stanton			4.04	/
J.D.Lorimer			5.00	/

Mr Dickinson said he realised that sometimes toll calls were quite expensive but he made the point that they were all definitely necessary although he was conscious of the cost. He said that sometimes letters were not adequate and a personal conversation on the phone was the only appropriate action. He said he wished it noted however, that the size of his toll bill concerned him, as President, at times.

ESTIMATED CASH FLOW:

The Secretary, with the help of the Executive Members constructed a cash flow statement forward to the 30 April, the end of the Association's financial year and through to September when the next grant from the H.M.A. was expected. From the cash flow, it was anticipated that some financial assistance might be necessary in the months of June and July 1974.

Accordingly, on the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Secretary be authorised to negotiate an overdraft with the Association's Bankers if necessary. Apropos the cash flow, Mr Cloake made the point that the thought of the doubling of the subscriptions for the year commencing 1 May 1974 might meet with resistance from present members. Stemming also from the cash flow and the authorisation of the Secretary to obtain the overdraft, Mr Cloake asked about the liabilities of members of the Executive. The Secretary pointed out that one of the advantages of the incorporation of a Society was that members of an Executive were protected against creditors, in that only the accumulated fund could be paid out to satisfy debts owing to creditors. This was confirmed by Mr Dickinson the President.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was dealt with as follows:-

Date	From	Subject	Action
	Comb Honey Producers Assn	Tax Incentives	Received
1 March	Otago Branch	Life member	In committee
28 Feb	H.M.A.	New Price List	Received
27 Feb	Ministry of Transport	Waybills	On Agenda received
14 Dec 73	Weights & Measures Dept. to Mr Carr	Metrics	Noted and received
21 " "	Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	Restricted areas	Be received
15 Jan 74	Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	Re: Levy	Published in Journal Be received
22 Dec 73	Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries	Re: Grading Fees	On Agenda received
27 Jan 74	Mr Ward	Tax Incentives	On Agenda received

IN COMMITTEE

On the motion of Mr Cloake seconded Mr de Wit it was resolved that the Executive go into committee.

OUT OF COMMITTEE:

On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the Executive come out of committee and confirm the business done therein.

BEREAVEMENT:

Mr Penrose reported that he was a Pallbearer representing the Association at the Funeral of Mrs Pearson. It was agreed that the General Secretary write a letter to Mr Pearson expressing sympathy at the loss of his wife, and mentioning that Mrs Pearson had always been noted for holding open house to Beekeepers and noting that she was well renowned locally and by overseas visitors.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 1.45 p.m.

STOCKS OF STATIONERY:

The Secretary reported that stocks of Stationery were getting low, and in view of the cost factor asked for direction as to whether headed stationery and envelopes with the Bee slogan on were to be purchased.

On the motion of Mr Haines seconded Mr de Wit, it was resolved that the Secretary be empowered to replenish stationery supplies.

TAX INVENTIVES:

Mr Dickinson reported that the action envisaged at the December meeting had been carried out. He was, however, astounded to find that of the parties circulated, only two had replied, although the assistance of the Association had been offered to them in this matter. The Secretary confirmed what Mr Dickinson had said and reported that he had been in touch with an officer of the Department of Trade and Industry and to the General Secretary's embarrassment had explained the position to him.

NELSON BRANCH ACCOUNTING:

The Secretary reported that he was concerned about the accounting from Nelson branch, especially as there had been three letters unanswered by the Branch Secretary in regard to a query regarding a subscription paid by a Nelson member. On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Haines it was resolved that the General Secretary ring Mr Philip Cropp, the Nelson Branch President, and report back to

Executive before the end of the meeting.

DROUGHT RELIEF:

Mr Dickinson said that he had received a letter from Mr Haines, asking Mr Dickinson to see Federated Farmers about drought relief provisions. Mr Dickinson said that he had seen Federated Farmers prior to the meeting, although he had not discussed this particular matter. Mr Dickinson referred back to the 1970 correspondence. Mr Haines reported that Mr Carr of the H.M.A. was being approached by members about drought relief. Apparently the areas affected were in the Waikato and Warkworth/Wellsford. Apparently there were pockets of country affected. Mr Dickinson said that there was also another letter from Government on the matter which he could not produce, in such short time, the text of which was that beekeepers could pick up their hives and take them from drought stricken areas into a more normal area. Mr Cloake said an ex-chairman of a drought relief committee had come to speak at a Canterbury branch meeting. Apparently the provisions were that first of all the area had to be declared a drought area and then relief to farmers was only in respect of what was outside normal requirements. Apparently farmers received only a few dollars. Mr Cloake wondered whether applying for drought relief was worth it. It appeared from the discussion that took place that the crux of the matter was that if an area was declared a drought area beekeepers could apply for a guaranteed overdraft and this was the extent to which relief would be granted.

No further action to be taken.

COST OF PRODUCTION SURVEY:

At this stage the Departmental Officers arrived. These included Mr Jack Watt, Mr Eric Smaellie and Mr Alex Smith who was from the Economic section of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Christchurch. Mr Dickinson welcomed the three members of the Department, and said that he hoped that fruitful discussions would ensue. Mr Alex Smith then presented his thoughts on a Cost of Production Survey. He said that there were three methods. One was a detailed survey with an average result. Second was the detailed survey with an economic analysis following, with a bigger sample and third was an accounts survey with taxation accounts from various beekeepers being collated. He handed to the President his notes on what he had told Executive. He thought method one would cost about four thousand dollars and method two would cost in excess of this. It was agreed that executive would consider next what steps had to be taken.

METRICS:

Mr Dickinson said that they would like to ask Mr Watt how the Department was going on this. Mr Smaellie said that there would be a meeting about April with representatives from the Executive.

BRASS & HONEY:

Mr Smaellie asked what brass machinery was used. It was pointed out that most honey pumps are brass. The Association wishes to know what reaction brass has with honey if any.

Mr Dickinson thanked Mr Smith, Mr Watt and Mr Smaellie for their attendance. At this stage the Departmental Officers left.

COST OF PRODUCTION SURVEY:

It was noted that this is being carried forward and pursued with members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Mr Penrose to keep executive informed on progress.

METRICS:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the Secretary write to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries asking that three members of the Executive plus Mr K. Ekroyd (representing the manufacturers) plus a representative from Arataki Apiaries Ltd., (representing the Comb Honey producers) be the N.B.A. nominees to any meetings held by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on Metrication of Beekeeping equipment.

On the motion of Mr de Wit seconded Mr Cloake it was resolved that the National President, the Vice-President and Mr Lorimer be the members of the Executive. This was in line with Mr Dickinson's thinking that it should be the President plus one member from the North Island and one member from the South Island.

MINUTES TO BRANCH
PRESIDENTS:

The Secretary reported that he had had a request from Mr Walley of South Western Districts regarding extra copies of minutes to members. The Secretary recalled that the number of copies of minutes published had been cut down in view of their cost.

On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Lorimer it was resolved that in future, copies of Executive minutes go to all Executive plus all branch Presidents plus all branch Secretaries.

EDITOR:

The Editor reported on advertising rates. He was obtaining 1250 copies per issue of the New Zealand Beekeeper every printing and 1150 were going out. There were approximately 1000 net paid local issues. He recommended to Executive that advertising rates be increased.

On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Lorimer it was resolved that advertising rates in the New Zealand Beekeeper in future be \$20.00 for a full page, \$12.00 for a half page, \$7.00 for a quarter page, \$2.00 for an inch depth advertisement with a minimum of \$2.00. In regard to the printer on the motion of Mr Dickinson seconded Mr Penrose it was resolved that the Editor provide a report on changing the Journal from four to six issues each year, and this report be ready for conference.

Mr Lorimer said he was a little concerned at the tone of the Editor's comments in the November Journal, where the Editor, in his Editorial had highlighted areas of disagreement. Mr Lorimer thought it might be more important to mention areas of agreement. Mr Penrose said he would agree with Mr Lorimer; on the other hand against this Mr Stanton was trying to mirror the frustrations of Executive at the time.

Note for Mr Stanton: The Phone numbers for the Executive and Secretary should be put with their addresses in the Journal that comes out.

HIVE DISEASE
INSPECTION FORM:

This had/raised ^{been} by a member of the Executive. It was agreed that this lie on the table, to be taken up with Department of Agriculture & Fisheries.

GRADING:

Mr Cloake said the grading system needed to be looked at. 44 gallon drums were not desirable containers because they were difficult to extract samples from. He said recently his apiary inspector had put in a recommendation that his honey be down-graded, in spite of the fact that all of it had gone through a thin 60 mesh strainer. Mr Cloake suggested that three things could happen:

1. The gradings could be looked at;
2. The H.M.A. accept the gradings as is;
3. That a lot more heat might have to be applied.

On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr de Wit, it was resolved that the Association ask the H.M.A. to investigate methods of straining honey in large quantities.

Apropos of this Mr Cloake thought the H.M.A. should contact the D.S.I.R. and perhaps pay for any research in this connection. Mr Cloake said the H.M.A. did the grading, they paid for the grading, and therefore they should tell people exactly how the straining of honey should be carried out. Mr Dickinson said he would like to know what the instructions re gading were. Mr Dickinson suggested that this was another matter that lie on the table, and be taken up with Mr Watt and Mr Smaellie.

Mr Penrose said that he was against this; that the Department had two perfectly good instructors.

Mr Dickinson moved and Mr Loriner seconded an amendment; the word "H.M.A." be replaced by the words "Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries". When the amendment was put it was carried and therefore the substantive motion became "that the Association ask the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to investigate and research the best methods of straining honey in large quantities."

When the substantive motion was put it was carried.

GRADING FEES:

A letter ex the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries regarding grading was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.00 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 9.05 a.m. on Thursday the 14 March 1974.

CANADIAN TOUR REPORT:

Mr Haines reported that there were 18 probables, and other relative details.

BURSARS TO CANADA IN 1975:

Mr Lorimer said it was now time to plan the Bursar exchange with Canada. Mr Haines said he had written to Canadian council about a bursar scheme. Mr Penrose said he supported the exchange. Mr Penrose said that Abbott Laboratories might be interested. They were advocating the use of Fumidal B in New Zealand. This had been in use for many years in Canada, and a bursar could gain valuable knowledge in the use of this product with particular reference to New Zealand conditions. Increased use of supplementary sugar feeding in New Zealand which would include the product Fumidal meant that the timing of the bursar's trip would be of commercial value to Abbott Laboratories

It was noted that Mr Cloake had gone to Canada as a bursar in 1965-66. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Lorimer it was resolved that the General Secretary approach:

1. The Association's bankers;
2. Kimptons;
3. Alex Harvey;
4. Abbott Laboratories in terms of the Fumidal mentioned above;
5. Winstones;
6. Alliance Bee Supplies;
7. The H.M.A.;
8. D.F. Penrose;
9. R. Davidson Jnr.;
10. The Queen Exporters;

and commercial beekeepers in general via the Journal. It was agreed that Mr Penrose would supply brief notes to the Secretary so that he could compose his letters. It was agreed also that the question of the bursar be publicised by having an insert in the May 1974 Journal and also verbally at Conference.

OVERSEAS BURSAR EXCHANGE:

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Dickinson it was resolved that a sub-committee be set up with its convenor being Mr Cloake having power to co-opt so that the question of the overseas bursar exchange could be considered.

It was also agreed that the question of the bursar could be carried forward to the July meeting.

ACCIDENT COMPENSATION:

The Secretary spoke on this as he had studied the matter in his own practice. It was noted that as beekeepers' employees were rated at 80¢ in the \$100.00. The Secretary pointed out that all self employed irrespective of the Industry, Trade or Profession in which they were, were liable for \$1.00 in the \$100.00.

PROPOSED VISIT BY SECRETARY TO FEDERATED FARMERS:

The Secretary said he had been invited by Mr Pryde to a meeting at Federated Farmers on the 25th March 1974. He understood that at this meeting the salaried officers of Associations affiliated to the Federation would be having a get-together to discuss mutual problems. Mr Dickinson said that he had talked to Mr McClaggan of Federated Farmers who had appreciated the problem of the Association of not being able to send a representative to Wellington to

Federated Farmers meetings as often as the Association might wish on the grounds of cost.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

Mr Cloake reported that one of the three committee members Mr L. Little had died a while back which left a vacancy to be filled.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the Library Committee have the power to co-opt a third member.

It was agreed that the Secretary write to the Library Committee along these lines.

BRANCH MERGERS:

Mr Lorimer reported that the Bay of Plenty members had come to the conclusion that the level of their membership had come to a dangerously low level, insofaras the attendance at meetings was concerned. The membership roll totalled about 30 but nowhere near this amount attended meetings. The original idea was to have Rotorua as a Headquarters with Taupo coming into the Bay of Plenty area. It seemed that there were two factors to be considered;

1. The prime factor was to strengthen the Association as a whole,
2. There was a need to protect the present Waikato branch from undue loss of membership.

Mr Lorimer thought it was better from the Association's point of view to have fewer branches but stronger branches. In the original idea Tirau with the boundary between Waikato and Bay of Plenty. This was nearer to Rotorua than to Hamilton. Mr Lorimer however recommended that Tokoroa should be the boundary line with an area, Taupo, Turangi, Tokoroa, Rotorua, Tauranga. Executive agreed to this recommendation.

OLD SOUTH OTAGO BRANCH:

The President said he had learned that there was a defunct South Otago Branch. It was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr Percy Bateman a member at 6 Ross Street, Balclutha, asking who the Secretary could contact regarding the now defunct South Otago branch.

LEVY SCHEME:

There was a long informal discussion by Executive on the Wednesday evening; - Mr Dickinson reported.

Mr Dickinson said that he was concerned that the H.M.A. had not got its own solicitor to put the suggested amendments in writing for Executives to peruse. Secondly, he was concerned that the H.M.A. kept referring to the Nelson scheme as the 'N.B.A. Scheme.' The Nelson scheme had derived from a meeting between the H.M.A. and the N.B.A. with an outline of the scheme given by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Moyle. The H.M.A. had called N.B.A. representatives to the H.M.A. meeting on Monday 18th March. Mr Dickinson therefore considered it was most necessary that the Executive reach some agreement before this date. Mr Penrose said that he had been talking to Mr E.W. Hall of the Ministry and apparently the biggest problem was one of evasion. One of the arguments by the H.M.A. in opposition to the present suggested scheme, (i.e. the Nelson scheme) was the possibility of evasion.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson seconded Mr Penrose it was resolved that it be a recommendation to the H.M.A. that a clause be incorporated in the new levy scheme that a honey sold register be maintained by beekeepers.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines it was resolved that it be a recommendation to the H.M.A. that the declaration form be included in the draft regulations and the final return show;

- (a) the money returned for honey sold in the year under review,
- (b) the poundage of honey sold in the year under review,
- (c) and that these figures be capable in the event of challenge of being supported by a trading and profit and loss account solely recording the operation relating to the sale of honey.

Mr Cloake said that the new scheme had been hoisted onto the N.B.A. He said that he was no longer prepared to concede that the Industry

was stuck with the Nelson scheme. He thought the Executive's representatives should go to the H.M.A. meeting with a different approach. Mr Penrose said he thought the Industry needed a levy. Mr Lorimer said it was a fundamental system to have a levy. Under the present system, the Consumer paid, where under the new system the producer would pay.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 1.45 p.m.

LEVY SCHEME:

This was further discussed at quite some length and many aspects covered to give the executives representatives at the coming meeting a comprehensive view of the way the executive felt.

OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS:

At 3.25 p.m. Mrs B. Neal attended and spoke to the question of outstanding subscriptions. It was agreed that the Executive be sent the complete list and Branches be sent a list pertaining to their particular branch. At 3.55 p.m. Mrs Neal left.

BOILERS:

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr de Wit, it was resolved that a letter from the Marine Division dated 8 March 1974 be received and that Executive await developments.

FUEL:

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the letter from the Ministry of Transport dated 7 March 1974 be received and the contents noted.

CONFERENCE:

Mr Dickinson brought up the question of executive ribbons which seemed to be falling low in stock. It was agreed that the Secretary ensure that for the next conference in Palmerston North there were ribbons for the President, the Vice-president, Executive, Editor, Secretary, Guests and Host branch.

It was noted that the Conference would take place on the 17, 18, 19 July and it was agreed that the Secretary get Mr K. Morris to book the Executive in according to the schedule compiled by the Secretary regarding accommodation. It was also agreed that the Secretary get Mr K. Morris to notify Mr Stanton of details so that he could publish these in the May Journal. It was agreed also that the Secretary remind South Western branch of the instructions for running conferences and it was also agreed that the Secretary remember to sent out Group Air Travel Vouchers.

WAYBILLS:

A letter from the Ministry of Transport dated 22 February 1974 was received and Mr Cloake had questioned this ruling.

On the motion od Mr Penrose seconded Mr Lorimer it was resolved that Mr Cloake approach the Ministry of Transport to get a clear ruling on waybills and goods licenses.

It was agreed that he visit the Ministry of Transport, at 9.00 a.m. on Friday 15 March 1974.

DANGEROUS GOODS:

Mr de Wit tabled a letter from the Southland County Council dated 12 March 1974.

INCREASED COST OF HONEY:

Mr Lorimer reported that the packers seemed to have taken action on this but the Association did nothing about it. It was agreed that the President raise this matter with the H.M.A.

AVAILABILITY OF HONEY CARTONS:

Mr Lorimer said that he had had problems with Winstones. On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Lorimer it was resolved that the Secretary write to Winstones in regard to Cardea cartons pointing out the grave situation and stating that the Association expected better service from a monopoly operation marketing this type of product and that therefore the Association considered that shortages seriously affected the livelihood of members and further that the Association would be loathe to consider applying for a licence to import cartons themselves.

QUEEN SUPPLY
PRICES:

Mr Dickinson said he had talked briefly to Mr Jasper Bray regarding this question. Mr Bray was trying to get as many Queen Bees for export as possible. Prices had been mentioned. Mr Dickinson said that he was concerned generally that New Zealand had enough Queens for local use. He was concerned that there might be a scarcity. He did conceive that \$1.25 was cheap for a Queen, but he was concerned about the possible escalation of prices. Mr Penrose said that ten or fifteen years ago, ten cents was paid for a pound of honey and a hive was valued at \$10.00, with the Queen bee at \$1.00. It would seem that prices had risen proportionately.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Dickinson said that as there was every indication that the business before the meeting would be finished before lunch time on Friday there could be an early adjournment of the meeting. The meeting therefore adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 9.00 a.m. on Friday 15 March 1974. It was noted that Mr Cloake was visiting the Ministry of Transport regarding Waybills, and that Mr Stanton had returned home the previous evening.

H.M.A. DRUMS
AND FREIGHT:

These two questions were discussed. It was agreed that the President and Vice-president would take this matter to the H.M.A. at the next meeting.

RUSTY DRUMS:

It was agreed that the President and the Vice-president would take this up with the H.M.A. at the next meeting.

SUGAR:

Mr de Wit asked for further information regarding the supply of sugar. Mr Penrose said that this could be negotiated on a local basis.

REPRINT OF RULES:

On the motion of Mr Penrose seconded Mr Dickinson it was resolved that the rules be reprinted with a 10% overprint, and the Secretary be empowered to accept the most favourable quote. It was agreed that Mr Penrose would obtain a quote after the Secretary had let him know how many books were required. It was also agreed that Mr Dickinson and Mr Lorimer would get quotes and that Boughtwood be given the opportunity to quote.

BRANCH PLACARDS
FOR CONFERENCE:

Mr Penrose undertook to have the signs written.

PAYOUT FROM
H.M.A.:

Mr Lorimer said that the H.M.A. reserves were very substantial. He thought that there was a 14.5 cents advance per pound when the guaranteed total price was 23.5 cents. Six years ago there had been 8 cents advance when the guaranteed total price was 11.5 cents. At this stage Mr Cloake arrived.

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Penrose it was resolved that the President and the Vice-president request the H.M.A. to increase the advance from the equivalent of 14.5 cents per pound to the equivalent of 18 cents a pound, on the basis that in those years when payout was 11.5 cents the advance was 8 cents and that the reserve funds were sufficient to allow the suggested increase in advance.

MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT:

Mr Cloake reported that he had visited the Ministry of Transport who would write to the General Secretary within two or three days regarding Waybills, and goods service licences.

DRAFT HEALTH
REGULATIONS:

At this stage Mr Neil Cook arrived. This was at 10.35 a.m. Mr Dickinson asked Mr Cook how far the draft regulations had proceeded. Mr Cook replied that galley proofs had arrived and they were in the process of being checked. He thought that the final draft would be ready in about two months. Mr Cook departed at 10.55 a.m.

MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES:

At 11.05 a.m. Mr J. Watt and Mr E. Smaellie arrived. The following matters were discussed.

1. Hive Inspection Form

Mr Smaellie said the Act was quite specific on this point. Mr Lorimer asked whether it would be sufficient if the intention of the Act was carried out. Mr Watt said that he would have a good look at the implications of the filling in Hive Inspection Forms with a view to obtaining simplification.

2. Grading

Mr Dickinson asked Mr Watt to outline the way grading was done, and the method. Mr Dickinson said that he was concerned that some samples did not reflect the representative quantity of the whole parcel of honey. Mr Smaellie pointed out that honey was graded to the grade of the lowest sample. Mr Watt said he was not happy about honey grading, especially since honey was not a product that could not be stirred up to form a homogenous quality. Mr Watt said he would look at the apparent inconsistency and techniques in grading. Mr Penrose said he was not happy about colour grading, and quoted an instance where there were variations under the Phuind system. He wondered whether there was a variation between Christchurch and Auckland grading machines or were the people who were reading out taking inaccurate readings. Mr Smaellie said there was a master/grading machine in Auckland. Mr Watt promised to investigate this.

3. Fees for Grading

Mr Penrose thought that if the Beekeepers were having to pay for grading, the techniques should be first class.

4. Bursar in 1975

Mr Dickinson said that Mr Cloake had said that whilst he was in Canada the Canadian Department of Agriculture had helped him immensely. Mr Dickinson asked Mr Watt how receptive the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was to Apiary Instructors transporting bursars from point to point and giving them information. Mr Watt said the Ministry would be happy to show the bursar round within one district. He was not so happy about the bursar being transferred from one district to another district. He suggested that the General Secretary write to the Ministry setting out the situation, and he also suggested that the bursar be armed with a letter of identification from the General Secretary.

5. Apiary Instructor - Hamilton

Mr Lorimer said there was some concern about the Apiary Instructor in Hamilton when the present one retired. The Waikato District required a top man for such a large area and population of hives.

6. Straining of Honey

Mr Dickinson asked Mr Smaellie whether he could have a look at providing information on the techniques of straining of Honey.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.20 p.m.

RESUMPTION: The meeting resumed at 1.45 p.m.

PRICES OF HONEY
ON THE LOCAL
MARKET:

Mr de Wit said he was concerned since he found that people could still buy honey in containers at 33 cents per pound packed. Mr Dickinson said that he had visited the Industries and Commerce Department. He said that an officer had said to him that all producers should be told that if they were increasing prices they should advise the Industries and Commerce Department. Mr Dickinson said he had asked why the honey prices had been switched from Category B to Category A. Mr Dickinson said that the Industry and Commerce officer had said that it was linked to the maximum retail price scheme and the pricing structure of honey also had an influence in the decision.

STATE ADVANCES
CORPORATION:

Mr Dickinson said that he had visited the State Advances Corporation regarding loans to Beekeepers, and that he had been informed that a draft of the policy of the State Advances was going out to State Advances branches as a booklet. It appeared that Beekeepers would be lend money on merit and the range would be \$5,000 to \$10,000. On special occasions it might even be \$25,000. Insofaras the question regarding residual value of Hives was concerned State Advances were not prepared to answer Mr Dickinson on this question, but recommended that this should be taken up with State Advances Corporation in writing.

Mr Cloake withdrew at 2.25 p.m.

SEMINARS:

Mr Lorimer asked for further information about seminars.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business the President thanked members for their attendance, the conduct of the meeting and their ability to get through the sticky patches. The business had been wide and varied. He thanked everyone.

Mr Lorimer moved a vote of thanks to the chair and the meeting terminated at 2.25 p.m.

O. Cloake
15/11/74

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE HELD AT THE FITZHERBERT
MOTOR INN, PALMERSTON NORTH, ON MONDAY 15TH AND TUESDAY 16TH
JULY 1974, COMMENCING AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mr I.J. Dickinson, President, Messrs M.D. Cloake, M.D. Haines,
D. Penrose, J. De Wit and J.D. Lorimer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

E.R. Neal, Association's Secretary, N. Stanton, Editor of
New Zealand Beekeeper.

OPENING:

The President, Mr Dickinson said he was pleased to have
Executive together that a large number of matters needed
discussing. He pointed out that this would be the last
meeting of this particular executive. There was a fair
amount of business since the last meeting in March. He
would ask everyone to keep to the rules of debate.

CONFERENCE PROCEDURE:

Kevin Morris would be contacted re this, later in the meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST
MEETING:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr De Wit, it was
resolved that the minutes of the last meeting held on the
15th March 1974 be taken as read and be confirmed as being a
true and correct record of proceedings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Metric Advisory Board to H.M.A. dated 18th March 1974,
On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was
resolved that this be received.
2. Ministry of Transport dated 22nd March 1974 re Waybills.
On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was
resolved that the letter be received.
3. H.M.A. dated 25th March 1974 re costs of the New Zealand
Beekeeper. On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr
Dickinson, it was resolved that the correspondence be
received.
4. Ex the Minister of Resources dated 3rd April 1974 re
supplies of petrol. On the motion of Mr Dickinson,
seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter
be received.
5. Ex the Metric Advisory Board dated March 1974 regarding
transport going metric. On the motion of Mr Dickinson,
seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be
received.
6. Waikato dated 18th April 1974 re supplies ex Messrs Alex
Harvey. It was noted that the items were already covered
on the audit paper except item 1 which would be placed on
the agenda. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded
Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.
7. Vocational Guidance dated 18th April 1974 regarding
prescriptions for cadets. On the motion of Mr Dickinson,
seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the correspondence
be received.

8. Mr Ashcroft dated 3rd May 1974 re prices. Mr Dickinson pointed out that he had replied to Mr Ashcroft. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that Mr Ashcroft's letter be received.
9. Southland Branch dated 4th May 1974 regarding the Ministry of Agriculture being advised re the critical situation regarding sugar. It was noted that action had already been taken by the President on this. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that this be received.
10. Ex the Department of Statistics dated 8th April 1974 received on 4th May 1974. It was noted that this was on the Agenda.
11. Ex the Canadian Honey Council. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that this be received.
12. Newsletter ex H.M.A. dated 24th May 1974. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that this be received.

Note for Secretary: Some discussion took place about information not reaching the H.M.A. and Mr Lee. The Secretary checked to see that there are addressograph plates for -

The General Manager of H.M.A.,
The Chairman of H.M.A., and
Mr E.W. Lee of the Agriculture Department.

13. Christian Leaders Teachers' College dated 27th May 1974. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that this letter be received.
14. From Southland Branch dated 8th June 1974 regarding loan monies. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that this letter be received and the matter be placed on the Executive Agenda.
15. Ex Ministry of Agriculture - addressed to Mr Dickinson and dated 12th June 1974. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.
16. From Mr Barclay, the M.P., regarding his address. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.
17. Ex Mr Winslade regarding his having been delegate to the Federated Farmers. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received and the Mr Winslade be thanked for his services in the past.
18. Minister of Agriculture dated 2nd July 1974 re statistics. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.
19. Letter ex Mrs Patterson to the President dated 21st June 1974. On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.

20. Kintail Honey regarding Queen Bees dated 13th July 1974.
 On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the letter be received.

NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that this be held immediately after Conference.

RE LEVY ISSUE:

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that Executive ratify action of the President and Vice-President in negotiating with the H.M.A. to produce amendments to the H.M.A. regulations. It was noted that this was carried unanimously.

CULTURAL CHEMICAL COMMITTEE - T. PEARSON:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr De Wit, it was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Tom Pearson for his untiring efforts on the Agricultural Chemical Board over the last 16 years. This letter to be on behalf of the N.B.A. and mentioning that his work had been of the utmost importance and benefit to beekeeping and had put New Zealand ahead of every country in the world of beekeeping in relation to the use of Agricultural Chemicals, and saying that his watching brief had been of great comfort to members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr Dickinson read his draft presidential report to the meeting.ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 8.55 p.m.

STATISTICS:

Mr Dickinson tabled a written report on statistics from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

GRANT FROM H.M.A.

The Association's finances were studied in detail and the Secretary reported verbally.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Dickinson, it was resolved that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries be approached for an increase from \$4,000 per annum to \$6,000 per annum. This was carried unanimously.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that a recommendation be made to the Annual General Meeting that the subscription rate be raised by 50% effective from the 1st May 1975.

RETENTIONS BY BRANCHES:

Mr Penrose moved and Mr Lorimer seconded a resolution that Branch retention money be reduced from 30% to 10% effective from 1st May 1975, and that in subsequent years the Branches share be set by the Annual General Meeting, and let it be noted that this would be a rule change stemming from the balance sheet. This was carried unanimously.

INSOLVENCY:

The Secretary took some pains to explain to members of the Executive regarding insolvency. He pointed out that once members of Executive became aware that the Association could not pay its debts, they should cease operating. The crux of the whole matter was the awareness of Executive. The Secretary went on to warn members that perhaps income and expenditure statements and balance sheets were needed every three or four months to establish when the insolvency occurred.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 16th July 1974.

FINANCE:

Mr Dickinson stated that the Executive had stretched the time of operation of the Association to the limit. It was the duty of the Executive to emphasise to the Annual General Meeting that the situation existed a year ago and that there was a year's time lag in collecting subscriptions. It would be necessary to make it quite clear to the incoming Executive that they had no alternative but to make drastic cuts in the affairs of the Association to suit the income available.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that a telegram, the text of which appears below, be sent immediately to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. This was carried unanimously.

CONFERENCE PROCEDURE: The layout etc. was discussed with Mr Kevin Morris.H.M.A. LOANS:

The question of the H.M.A. making loans to different producers was discussed at length. Members of Executive expressed concern that reserves built up by all members be allocated by way of loans to a few.

JOURNAL:

The H.M.A. letter re costs was received. This said that the costs of subsidising the Journal would be limited to \$1,000 per year. Mr Stanton reported on the Journal.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded by Mr Dickinson, it was resolved that the quote for the printing of the Journal be obtained from (1) The Ellesmere Guardian, (2) Mell's Associations, (3) The Manurewa Gazette; based on 48 pages and 8 green pages and 4 page cover with a quarterly production, the final copy being due on 20th of the months prior to publication on 20th of the following month and including the wrapping, mailing and allowing time within limits for proof-reading and the Editor's pasting up and based on 1250 copies all up. It was noted that this was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the Editor not be required to publish detailed minutes of the 1974 A.G.M. in the August Journal. This was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr De Wit, it was resolved that the August Journal be per specified form the quotes in the previous resolution. It was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Lorimer, it was resolved that subscriptions to the Journal be increased as follows effective the next renewal.

Members \$2.00 per annum.
Non-members \$4.00 per annum.
Overseas \$NZ5.00 per annum.

The question of whether the magazine was compulsory for members was raised by the Secretary. It was agreed by the Executive that it was NOT compulsory.

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the Editor be granted a \$50.00 per annum car allowance. It was noted that this was carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that the Secretary send out separate accounts for the magazine subscription to members. It was noted by the present Secretary that this would obviate members omitting to pay for the magazine and correspondence having to be entered into. It was also agreed that a common renewal date of October of each year be adopted for the magazine with consequential adjustments being made. On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Editor's honorarium be adjusted by the amount of the general wage increases of 2.7% in February and 9% on the 1st July 1974 respectively and that the honorarium be adjusted with the advent of subsequent general wage increases. It was noted that this was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m.

RESUMPTION:

The meeting resumed at 1.55 p.m.

H.M.A. GRANT TO
D.S.I.R.:

Some discussion took place on the H.M.A. granting money to the D.S.I.R. for research into the development of sweet clover establishment. Mr Lorimer moved and Mr Penrose seconded a resolution that the remit re the H.M.A. grant to, the D.S.I.R. NOT be discussed with the H.M.A. at the 2.00 o'clock meeting. The voting was 3 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. The motion was therefore carried.

HONEY MARKETING
AUTHORITY:

At 2.00 o'clock the Honey Marketing Authority members arrived. Mr Dickinson welcomed Mr Poole the chairman, Mr Bartrum, Mr Lee, Mr Forsyth, Mr Ecroyd, Mr Carr and Mr Wight. Mr Poole introduced Mr Curtis Wit the new General Manager. Mr Poole traversed the loan scheme at some length and discussed general matters.

DEPARTMENTAL:

At 3.30 Mr Dickinson welcomed Mr Jack Watt and Mr E. Smaellie from the Ministry. There were very few points discussed. The gentlemen from the Ministry left at 4.00 p.m.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Registered Office of the Association be C/- Mr G.A. Beard with effect from 1st September 1974.

IMPORTATION OF
SWEET CLOVER SEED:

On the motion of Mr Haines, seconded Mr Cloake, it was resolved that the Secretary obtain from the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, the regulations for importing sweet clover seed from Canada.

CONFERENCE
ARRANGEMENTS:

The question of registration for conference in the event of the Journal being late was discussed. On the motion of Mr Haines, seconded Mr De Wit, it was resolved that in future the General Secretary prepare a Branch circular re delegate registration for Conference with either the remits or the formal notice of the A.G.M. whichever is the earlier.

BANK OVERDRAFT:

The Secretary said that he had been in touch with the Bank Manager who had advised him to apply for an overdraft when the need became urgent. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the incoming Executive.

DONATIONS FOR BURSARY:

On the motion of Mr Cloake, seconded by Mr Lorimer, it was resolved that the Bank of New South Wales be thanked for the donation of \$50.00 and that they be confirmed as the bankers for the Association for the next two years.

SURCHARGE ON CONTAINERS:

It was reported that Alex Harvey were charging ten per cent surcharge on containers for everything under 100 units. On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Secretary send a letter to Alex Harvey seeking elimination of the ten per cent surcharge.

HIVE METRICATION:

The President reported that he, Mr Penrose, Mr Ecroyd and Mr Walton had discussed fully the metrification of the Langstroth hive. Mr Dickinson said he was sorry that Mr Lorimer and Mr Berry could not attend the meeting on the grounds of expense which was not subsidised by the Ministry. Mr Dickinson reported that the Ministry of Agriculture was going to prepare and publish a report by January 1975.

WORKERS UNIONS:

Mr Cloake reported on this and said that Judge Blair had ruled in May 1973 that in an application for exclusion from the Processing and Chemical Workers Award as under

"Although there may be difficulty in distinguishing between factory work and apiarists work (which would not be covered) the Court is of the opinion that at least some of the work done at the site is embraced by the award. Accordingly it is proper that the applicant should be a party to the award and the application to strike out is refused."

BEE CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Mr Haines brought up the question of the Whangarei Bee Club. On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the incoming executive examine the membership of Bee Clubs with the N.B.A. via Branches. It was carried unanimously.

LIFE MEMBERS:

On the motion of Mr Lorimer, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the Executive recommend to the Annual General Meeting that Mr Trevor Palmer-Jones be elected a life member. It was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr De Wit, it was resolved that with the approval of the members concerned the following be recommended to the Annual General Meeting as Life Members -

J. Fraser, Ryall Bush
 J. Glynn, Balfour
 N. Glass, Waikawa

Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr De Wit, it was resolved that the incoming Executive examine the voting qualifications of Life Members with special reference to Company Subscriptions. This was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr Penrose, it was resolved that the whole question of the cost of production to be undertaken by the Ministry at Christchurch and a letter from the Statistics Department be referred to the incoming Executive.

SUGAR SUPPLIES:

The Chairman had reported he would be covering the topic in an address to Conference.

SECRETARIAL:

It was agreed that the Secretary and the incoming President liaise regarding the takeover date from Mr Neal to Mr Beard. Mr Neal said that he was in some difficulty in having the time extended from 31st July to 31st August especially as his notice had been given to him on 22nd April. He felt that he had more than carried out his terms of appointment, which stipulated three months notice.

CANADIAN BURSAR:

The Secretary reported that donations had been received from Bray and Gossett, Bank of New South Wales and that there was an interim letter from the Honey Marketing Authority.

TOUR TO CANADA
ORGANISED BY
MR HAINES:

Mr Haines reported that 27 members had gone. They had had a very good time and had learnt a lot of facts and gained a lot of information.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the statement of accounts produced by the Secretary and showing accounts needing ratification be received and the accounts paid now be ratified and accounts presented for payment now be paid. Carried unanimously.

Take in paper "A".

MR DUDLEY WARD'S
REPORT REGARDING
IMPORTS:

This had been stated to members of the Executive.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Lorimer, it was resolved that Mr Ward's report be received and be referred to the incoming Executive. Carried unanimously.

GENERAL SECRETARY:

The President referred to the service rendered by Mr Neal and his wife. He said he was sure he spoke on behalf of all Executive when he offered thanks to them over trying years.

EXECUTIVE:

The President said he would like to thank all members of the Executive whether they were standing again or not.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EXECUTIVE HELD AT
4.00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
FITZHERBERT MOTOR INN, PALMERSTON NORTH ON
JULY 19TH 1974

PRESENT:

Mr I.J. Dickinson, President, Messrs P. Berry,
M.D. Haines, G.J. McKenzie, D. Penrose and
M.G. Stuckey.

IN ATTENDANCE:

E.R. Neal, Association's Secretary.

APOLOGIES:

N. Stanton, Editor of the "New Zealand
Beekeeper" had returned to Auckland earlier
that day.

WELCOME:

Mr Dickinson welcomed Messrs Berry, McKenzie
and Stuckey, newly elected members to the
Executive and welcomed back the re-elected
members, D. Penrose and M. Haines. Mr
Dickinson said that no doubt there would be
a tremendous amount of work in the coming
year, especially on the levy issue. There
were problems with the limited finance
and change of Secretary etc.

BANK AUTHORITIES:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr
Haines, it was resolved that Messrs Berry,
McKenzie and Stuckey be given bank authorities
in place of Messrs Cloake, Lorimer and de Wit.

On the motion of Mr Dickinson, seconded Mr
Penrose, it was resolved that the bank be
advised to accept the signature of either the
outgoing Secretary, Mr E.R. Neal or the
incoming Secretary, Mr G. Beard during the
changeover period.

URGENT MATTERS:

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr
McKenzie, it was resolved that the President
and the Vice-President meet with the incoming
Secretary at the earliest possible opportunity
to discuss matters arising out of Conference,
the Secretarial changeover and to formulate
a basic outline for the discussion of the new
levy proposal.

H.M.A. GRANT:

Mr Dickinson informed Executive that the
previous Executive had agreed before Conference
to approach the Minister for an increase in
grant from the H.M.A. from \$4,000 to \$6,000.
This had been done by telegram on the Tuesday
before conference. Mr Barclay had told
Mr Dickinson that the Association had gone
the wrong way about it, and that they should
have made application through the Authority.
Mr Dickinson said that on Thursday, a formal
approach was made to the Authority. Late
on the Thursday night, the Authority had
advised Mr Dickinson that they were opposed to
any increase on the grounds that -

- (a) The Association was already receiving
\$4,000 per annum,

- (b) The Association was already receiving another \$1,000 to help with the costs of the Journal,
- (c) The Authority was helping meet the cost of Executive travel to meetings, legal expenses,
- (d) The N.B.A. were asking for a grant from the suppliers money and the Authority were not prepared to put any more of this at the Association's disposal.

On the motion of Mr Penrose, seconded Mr Haines, it was resolved that the Secretary write immediately to the Minister informing him of the Executive's dismay at the recommendation of the H.M.A. That the additional \$2,000 not be paid, in view of the fact that the grant is made from the Honey Industry Account, as defined in the regulations.

EXPENSES:

Mr Dickinson explained to new members that for executive meetings an air ticket was issued to the Executive member by the Association. Out of pocket expenses were generally met by the Association and if private cars had to be used the reimbursement was at 10 cents per mile. Legitimate toll call expenses were met by the Association. In regard to meetings other than Executive meetings, if an Executive member wished to go to another meeting the first step was to see whether the branch concerned was prepared to assist financially, otherwise the matter had to be referred to the President.

HIVE LEVY:

Mr Penrose initiated a short discussion on the hive levy.

CLOSURE:

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 4.26 p.m.

*J. M. Morrison.
18th Sept., 1974*

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE, WILLIAMS PARKING CENTRE, WELLINGTON ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THE 17TH AND 18TH SEPTEMBER 1974 COMMENCING AT 10.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Messrs I.J. Dickinson (in chair), D. Penrose, G.J. McKenzie, M.D. Haines and M.G. Stuckey.

ALSO PRESENT: G.A. Beard, General Secretary.

APOLOGIES: Messrs P. Berry (overseas), N. Stanton.

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Before taking the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and expressed the hope that the Executive would establish and enjoy a happy working relationship with the new secretary.

The Chairman also referred to the absence of Mr Berry who was presently overseas.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: (1) Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on July 15th 1974. Moved

"That the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 15 1974 as tabled be taken as read and confirmed."

Penrose/Haines
Carried.

(2) Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on July 19th 1974. Moved

"That the draft as tabled and amended be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 19th 1974."

Penrose/Haines
Carried

HIVE LEVY PROPOSAL: (a) Letter ex Mr G.B. Barclay, Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture advising that the Association's request that the Primary Products Marketing Act 1953 be amended to make provision for the collection of a Hive Levy under that Act, would be considered for inclusion in this years Statutes Amendment Bill. Received and noted.

(b) Draft of Amendment No. 4 to the Honey Marketing Regulations 1964. The Chairman reported fully on the discussions that had taken place with Mr Berry and Mr Don Hayman of the Ministry of Agriculture in formulating a preliminary draft of the regulations. Later there had been further discussions at Taupo and the present draft was in effect a discussion paper. The Executive then proceeded to consider the preliminary draft in detail. The following points and alterations were noted or agreed.

- (1) "Hive" means an artificial hive containing a colony of bees capable of the production of honey including the by-products of honey.
- (2) The apportionment of the Levy Revenue. The Committee noted the likely priorities of claim
 - (a) The administrative cost of collecting the levy.
 - (b) The National Beekeepers' Association.
 - (c) The Honey Marketing Authority.

- (3) Levy and Subscription to N.B.A. It was agreed that the Hive Levy should automatically cover the membership subscription and the subscription to the "Beekeeper".

As the Hive Levy would not apply to Beekeepers with fewer than 50 hives it was considered that a flat rate N.B.A. subscription should be set plus an optional subscription to the "Beekeeper".

It was also accepted that flat subscription rate for the U/50 hive members would need to be set at a level relative to the over 50 hive group.

- (4) Proposed Levy Rate - 15 cents per hive. This is expected to yield approximately \$28,000 annually.
- (5) Re Clause 29B. New clause to be added to cater for unauthorised expenditure.
- (6) Re Clause 29, 3(D). It was agreed to discuss with the Ministry the position of comb honey producers in respect of pool accounts.
- (7) Re Clause 30 (1). It was agreed that the word "occupation" be changed to "ownership".
- (8) Discussion with Messrs E.W. Lee and D. Hayman on the Draft Regulations.

The Chairman welcomed Messrs Lee and Hayman to the meeting and advised them that the Executive had given consideration to the Draft and had a number of points for discussion.

It was agreed to take these as they arose.

- (1) Definition of the term "Hive" -
Agreed to read -
.....colony of bees capable of being used in the production of honey.
- (2) Leasing of Hives and Ownership. This point was examined and it was agreed that the word "ownership" be used throughout the Regulations.
- (3) Re Clause 20(4) - Substitute "during" for the word "for".
- (4) Re Seals Levy. It was noted that the Seals Levy would remain in force until the Hive Levy commenced.
- (5) Hives Levy Year. Agreed
(1) That the Hives Levy Year be the Calendar Year.
(2) That the Declaration date be January 1st in each year, Payment date 20th February with final payment date 31st March.
- (6) Re Clause 29. That the order of the sub-clauses be amended.
(i) "A" to remain "A"
(ii) "C" to become "B"
(iii) "B" to become "C"
(iv) "D" to remain "D"
- (7) Apportionment of Levy Revenue. In keeping with the order of priorities established under Clause 29 (as amended) it was agreed that for the Levy Year 1975 (i.e. the first year) the sums apportioned be settled by mutual agreement between the Association and the Honey Marketing Authority.

(8) November Beekeeper. Resolved

"That an advance notice be published in the November 1974 issue advising Beekeepers that the first declaration of Hive numbers will be required as at January 1st 1975."

(9) Forward Action on Draft. It was resolved

(1) "That Mr D. Hayman be requested to confer with the General Secretary on the revision of the Draft to incorporate the several agreed amendments and consequential adjustments to operative dates."

(2) That the Association write to the Honey Marketing Authority advising that the Draft Regulations relating to the Hive Levy Proposal to be sent forward to the Authority by the Ministry has the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Association."

CORRESPONDENCE:New Zealand Sugar Company 6/8/74

The Chairman supported by Mr Penrose reported a difficult supply position in some areas of the South Island. The Chairman duly phoned the Company who advised that arrangements were being made to ease the South Island supply situation.

(Minute Note: The Executive was of the view that Branches should advise their Executive member or the General Secretary of any sugar supply difficulties.)

Alliance Bee Supplies re import licenses for smokers. The correspondence was introduced by Mr E.W. Lee during his attendance at the meeting.

In discussing the question members of the Executive expressed the view that there must be supplies of smokers held in stock. The demand was seasonal and unpredictable. (The bellows are made locally.) Resolved

"That the Executive Committee support the application and that Mr Barclay be advised accordingly."

Outward Letter to Mr G.B. Barclay, Parliamentary Under Secretary to Minister of Agriculture, 24/7/74 requesting increase in Marketing Authority grant from \$4000 to \$6000. - Reply awaited. The Executive noted that while a reply had not been received the development of the Hive Levy proposal could have an influence on the position.

Mr K.O. Scott re non-receipt of Journal. Received and referred to General Secretary.

Mr W. Woodward re advertising commission - referred to Editor of Beekeeper for attention and reply.

Ministry of Agriculture forwarding list of beekeepers. - Received.

Waikato Branch N.B.A. 5/8/74

- (1) Re Conversion of Brood Chamber measurements to metrics.

Resolved

"That the Waikato Branch be advised that the consideration took into account all the related factors involved and it was agreed that 238 mm was the most satisfactory depth measurement standard for brood chambers."

- (2) Re Hive Levy Proposal. Resolved

"That the Waikato Branch be advised that when agreement has been reached with other key parties branches will be advised of the proposals."

- (3) President's Honorarium. Resolved

"That the Waikato Branch be advised that the Executive Committee is satisfied with the existing policy and procedure and does not propose to suggest amendment.

- (4) Life Membership. The Executive Committee considered the matter in some depth and resolved that the following guidelines should apply to nominations for Life Membership of the Association.

(1) That nominations for Life Membership of the National Beekeepers' Association must originate from branches.

(2) That the person nominated should

(a) Be a member of the Association who has rendered outstanding service to the Beekeeping industry at large

Or (b) Be a person who has in a non-member capacity (e.g. administrative/research etc.) rendered outstanding service to the industry as a whole.

(3) That all nominations should be in the hands of Executive Committee by March 31st of each year.

(Minute Note: The Executive recorded that the attention of Branches be drawn to the fact that they could elect Life Members of their own Branches.)

- (5) Re Financial Position N.B.A. - noted.

Alliance Bee Supplies 2/9/74 re contribution to Bursar Scheme. Mr Ecroyd Managing Director advised that his Company were not intending to give further financial support to the Scheme. It was resolved

(1) That the letter be received and the comments made therein noted.

(2) That those persons/organisations who have made financial contributions to the Bursar Scheme this year be thanked for their support.

- (3) That the matter be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting and that meantime Executive members consider changing the scheme to a Honey Industry Overseas Study Fellowship.

Canadian Honey Council - Outward 10/7/74 - Noted.

Hawkes Bay Branch re Life Membership - refer earlier minute.

Mr Donald T. Appleton. British Isles Bee Breeders Association advising that he proposes to visit New Zealand on holiday for a period from November 1974 and that initially he will be based at Morrinsville.

Resolved

"That the services of the Association be extended to Mr Appleton and that the Waikato Branch be asked to nominate a contact for Mr Appleton on his arrival."

Nelson Branch - Memo ex Mr E.R. Neal.

The Chairman reported* on the background to the matter of an outstanding payment and advised that a change in the Branch Secretaryship had not assisted the position.

Resolved

"That the question be referred to the General Secretary to take up with the Nelson Branch Secretary and report to the next meeting."

Wednesday 18th - 8.30 a.m.

N.Z. Food and Processing Chemical Union: (Canterbury Branch.)

General Secretary's report on progress of Agricultural Workers Legislation.

Resolved

- (1) "That the Association advise Federated Farmers that the National Beekeepers' Association wishes to link with other Employer groups in the development of a revised Agricultural Workers Act."
- (2) "That the General Secretary reply to the Food Processing and Chemical Union that the Association along with other Agricultural Employer groups is presently engaged in discussions and negotiations relative to the proposed Agricultural Workers Act under which Apiary Workers would be covered and suggest that any action to include Apiary and allied workers in other Unions such as theirs be deferred until the amended Agricultural Workers Act is passed early in 1975."

Outward from Chairman to E.R. Neal - Agreeing to purchase grey steel office cabinet for \$40. Resolved

"That the Chairman's action be confirmed."

Bay of Plenty Branch re Impact Report on Forestry Development in that Region. Resolved

"That the advice be received and the Branch advised that the Executive Committee would like to be kept advised of further developments in the matter."

Department of Education (Christchurch) - Vocational Guidance.

The Vocational Guidance Officer wrote requesting that a basic information schedule be completed. The Chairman reported that he had completed the form which could now be dispatched. Received and action confirmed.

Food and Agricultural Organisation (via D.S.I.R. Auckland)
re Working Party Study on Pesticide Resistance.Resolved

- (1) "That the questionnaire be referred to Mr E. Smaellie, Superintendent Beekeeping Ministry of Agriculture for his attention."
- (2) "That Mr Smaellie be requested to confer with Mr D. Palmer-Jones, Wallaceville Research Station in the matter."

Atlantic and Pacific Travel - Advising that 25th International Federation of Beekeepers Associations, Apimonda, would be held in France in August 1975. Received and noted.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (1) MEMBERS EXPENSES SEPTEMBER 1974 MEETING Resolved

"That members expenses claims as tabled and totalling \$210.97 be cleared for payment."

- (2) ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE - In attendance Mr John Read, Accountant, Pork Industry Council.

The Executive Committee discussed with the General Secretary and Mr Read the general policies and procedures appropriate to the new secretarial arrangement and it was resolved

- (a) "That the Association's New South Wales Bank Account be transferred from the I.C.I. Branch, Molesworth Street, to the Main Branch, Lambton Quay."

- (b) It was then moved

"That all previous authorities to operate on the current account of the Association at the Bank of New South Wales be cancelled and that in future any two of the following persons signing jointly be authorised to operate on the account -

I.J. Dickinson	President
G.J. McKenzie	Member of Executive
M.D. Haines	Member of Executive
D. Penrose	Member of Executive
M.G. Stuckey	Member of Executive
P. Berry	Member of Executive
G.A. Beard	Secretary
C.J. Read	Accountant

Penrose/Haines

Carried

- (c) That payments represented by cheques numbered 635 to 640 inclusive and 801 to 840 inclusive totalling \$4554.74 be confirmed.

Penrose/Stuckey

Carried

(Minute Note: It is proposed that a schedule detailing income and expenditure will be presented to each meeting of the Executive Committee and also a cash figure will be presented to the President each month.)

- (d) Re (i) Library Fund
(ii) Bursar Account

Resolved

"That the General Secretary report on the location and sums held in these accounts."

- (3) GRANT EX HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY: Resolved

"That the General Secretary write to the Authority requesting the transfer of the \$4000 grant to the Association."

- (4) PRESIDENT'S HONORARIUM: Resolved

"That the President's Honorarium for the year 1st May 1974 to 30th April 1975 be now paid."

- (5) HIVE LEVY PROPOSALS - Associated Expenses for Mr P. Berry.

The Chairman in raising the question said Mr Berry had given a lot of time and had incurred considerable expense in the development of the first draft of the regulations and had also made his solicitor available both in Hastings and Taupo.

The Executive Committee after giving the matter due consideration resolved

- (1) "That it record its appreciation and gratitude to Mr Berry for the assistance he had given in the development of the first draft of the Hive Levy Regulations."
- (2) "That any expense incurred in the future by Mr Berry in respect of the Hive Levy Regulations and other Association business be met by the Association."

CONSIDERATION OF REMITS REMIT NO. 2 Resolved

PASSED AT THE 1974

CONFERENCE:

"That the remit be referred to the 1975 Conference as directed."

REMIT NO. 4 (1) Rule 28 (EE) - The amended wording reads

'On a poll each delegate shall have one vote for each full dollar of annual subscription of financial members present in person or by proxy at the Branch meeting empowering the delegate and that both majority and minority votes be recorded in the delegates votes at Conference.'

Resolved

"That the Rule as amended be sent to the Association's solicitors for comment."

(2) Rule 18b - The amended wording reads
 'That six members comprising the General Executive shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by financial members present at the Annual Meeting, such election to be conducted under a preferential voting system.'

Resolved

"That the Rule as amended be referred to the Association's solicitors for comment.

REMIT NO. 7

Resolved

"That the 1974 Conference decision be referred to the General Secretary to note as a future Conference procedural requirement."

REMIT NO. 8

Re Federated Farmers. Resolved

"That the matter be referred to the December meeting and that meantime Mr Stuckey be requested to supply background information."

REMIT NO. 10

Re Circulars, Minutes to other than regular mailing list persons or branches.

Resolved

"That a charge of \$20 per year be made where a person or organisation requests to be added to the normal mailing list for Association circulars, Executive Minutes etc."

REMIT NO. 12

Re Relationship Honey Grading System to Payment for Darker Honeys.

Resolved

"That the remit be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority for comment."

REMIT NO. 13

Re rail freight on honey to depots.

Resolved

"That the remit be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority for comment."

REMIT NO. 14

Research into development of sweet clover.

Resolved

"That the Association state a case for a research grant-in-aid to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture."

REMIT NO. 15

Re Advice Notes to Producers who supply honey to H.M.A.

Resolved

"That the remit be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority for its consideration and comment."

REMIT NO. 21

Re Hive Levy. Refer earlier minute - matter under action.

REMIT NO. 23 Re Apiary Instructor Service - Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay. Resolved

"That the remit be referred to the Superintendent Beekeeping for comment and that the matter be further examined at the December meeting."

REMIT NO. 25 Re indiscriminate use of sprays.

Resolved

"That the matter be referred to the Superintendent Beekeeping for appropriate attention."

REMIT NO. 26 Re Sugar Refinery in South Island.

Resolved

"That the remit be referred to Federated Farmers in support of any action the Federation may be contemplating along these lines."

REMIT NO. 27 Re Superannuation Scheme.

Resolved

"That in view of the fact that the legislation has now been enacted no further action be taken."

REMIT NO. 28 Accident Compensation for self-employed Apiarists. Resolved

"That it be recommended to Branches that should they wish to obtain information on accident compensation claims they should contact their local office of the State Insurance Office."

REMIT NO. 29 Re Honey Price Movements.

Resolved

"That the remit be referred to the Honey Marketing Authority with a request that the Authority release to the Editor of "Beekeeper" a market and prices report."

REMIT NO. 31 Re Wasps. Resolved

"That a letter be forwarded to the Under-Secretary to the Hon. Minister of Agriculture seeking the aid of Pest Destruction Councils in the furtherance of the aims of the proposals advanced in the remit."

REMIT NO. 35 Re Farm Workers Union. - refer earlier minute on general subject.

REMIT NO. 36 Re Honey Dew. Resolved

"That the Honey Marketing Authority be invited to comment and also outline their trading policy in respect of this class of honey."

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- (1) Re REPRESENTATION, DOMINION COUNCIL FEDERATED FARMERS.

Resolved

"That the Association's representative on the Dominion Council be the President with the General Secretary acting as his deputy where appropriate."

- (2) VALEDICTORY.

Resolved

"That letters of thanks and appreciation be forwarded to

- (a) Mr and Mrs E.R. Neal.
- (b) Messrs J. De Wit, M.D. Cloake and J.D. Lorimer."

- (3) BEE CLUBS The subject was introduced by Mr Haines who sought guidance as to how such clubs could be kept informed of Association affairs.

Resolved

(1) "That a Bee Club be treated on the same basis as individuals for the special mailing list"

(2) "That Mr Haines be requested to report back to the club concerned."

- (4) INDUSTRY WAGE SURVEY

Resolved

"That no action be taken pending the clarification of the action to be taken in respect of the Agricultural Workers Act."

- (5) NORTH ISLAND SEMINAR - TAUPO

Resolved

"That a letter of appreciation be sent to the Director of the Advisory Services Division expressing appreciation of the excellent organisational arrangements made for the seminar."

- (6) AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD - ASSOCIATION'S REPRESENTATIVE

Resolved

"That the General Secretary advise the Hon. Minister of Agriculture of the resignation of Mr Tom Pearson and of the nomination of Mr Jack Fraser as the Association's representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board."

- (7) FARM CADET SCHEME The Chairman reported that he knew of two young men who were available, one in Nelson the other in Waikato. The problem was to find Apiarists willing to accept cadets.

Resolved

"That the matter be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting and the Farm Cadet Officer, Federated Farmers be invited to attend."

- (8) HONEY GRADING REGULATIONS 1950/143
HONEY EXPORT REGULATIONS 1950/142

Resolved

"That an enquiry be addressed to the Director, Horticulture Division asking if a review is programmed and if so, are the proposed amendments available for discussion."

- (9) IMPORTATION SWEET CLOVER SEED EX CANADA

Resolved

"That details of the importation requirements be requested from the Ministry of Agriculture!"

- (10) CARTON SUPPLIES - ALEX HARVEY & COY It was reported to the meeting that the Company was imposing a surcharge of 10 per cent on single carton deliveries.

Resolved

"That the Company be requested to advise the reason for its policy in the matter."

- (11) RE N.Z. BEEKEEPER The Committee acknowledged receipt of telephone advice from Mr Stanton that the August issue would be released the following week.

Following general discussion it was resolved

"That the question of the Journal be reviewed again in March 1975."

NEXT MEETING:

Resolved

"That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held in Wellington on Monday and Tuesday December 2nd and 3rd 1974 commencing at 10 a.m. on the 2nd December."

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 4 p.m.

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD IN THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICES WILLIAMS BUILDING, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY THE 2ND AND 3RD DECEMBER 1974 COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 2ND.

PRESENT: Messrs I.J. Dickinson (in Chair), P. Berry, D. Penrose, G.J. McKenzie, M.D. Haines and M.G. Stuckey.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs G.A. Beard, General Secretary, and Norman Stanton, Editor "Beekeeper."

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17/18 September 1974 which had been circulated were taken as read and confirmed on the motion of Messrs McKenzie/Penrose

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: (1) PRESIDENT'S HONORARIUM FOR YEAR 1ST MAY 1974 - 30 APRIL 1975

It was moved

"That the 1974 Conference recommendation that the President's honorarium for the 1974/75 financial year be at the rate of \$500, be endorsed.

Penrose/McKenzie
Carried

(2) RE POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATIVE LINK WITH FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Stuckey reported that he had had discussions with the Auckland Provincial staff and it was apparent that such an arrangement was not practical. The beekeeping producers were not sufficiently numerous to warrant setting up a separate commodity section. Mr Stuckey suggested that the Executive Committee take no further action in the matter and this course was adopted.

(3) AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD

The General Secretary reported that Mr Fraser's appointment had been gazetted and that he had attended the meeting of the Board held the previous week.

The Executive Committee noted that Mr Fraser's present appointment was for the balance of a term due to expire on March 31st 1975.

Resolved

"That it be recommended to the Minister of Agriculture that Mr J. Fraser be reappointed as the Association's representative when his term expires on March 31st 1975."

(4) CADET TRAINING SCHEME

The Executive Committee discussed the scheme as it applied to beekeeping and noted that the principal problem was in interesting beekeepers to accept cadets. Normally cadets would spend a year with each beekeeper. It was also recorded that it was not necessary for the same beekeepers to have first year cadets each time - steps could be taken administratively to ensure that second and third year cadets were available.

IN ATTENDANCE - Mr H.E.P. Downes, Chairman of the Education and Rural Services Committee of Federated Farmers.

The President in extending a welcome to Mr Downes said the Association was keen to promote interest in the cadet scheme but pointed out that with only about 44 beekeepers with more than 1000 hives the opportunities were somewhat limited.

Mr Downes in expressing appreciation of the invitation to be present pointed out that some quite small groups were successfully involved with trade training - much of the labour in the future would be drawn from the cities and it was essential to provide these people with proper training. It was desirable that beekeepers be talked into taking at least some cadets.

The question of making greater use of short courses and an enlarged seminar were also discussed. The terms and conditions under which cadets were employed was also raised and it was agreed that Beekeepers should be encouraged to offer to their Provincial Federated Farmer Cadet Schemes positions for cadets.

It was duly resolved

- (1) "To record to Mr Downes the Executive Committee's appreciation of his attendance."
- (2) "To continue to liaise with the Education and Rural Services Committee of Federated Farmers."
- (5) RESTRICTED BEEKEEPING AREA - COROMANDEL

The President surveyed the action taken since the previous meeting to have the whole situation reviewed on the basis that extracted honey should be excluded and a proper testing and monitoring procedure applied.

The Executive Committee also discussed at some length the operations of the Advisory Committee and the lack of reports from the Association's three representatives.

It was duly resolved

"That the letter sent to the Minister of Agriculture requesting a review of the restriction as it applied to comb honey, be confirmed."

Mr P. Berry also tabled and made available copies of correspondence he had had with the Ministry on the Coromandel restriction.

It was noted that an arrangement had been made for a deputation to wait upon the Mr Barclay at 3.30 p.m.

Resolved

"That the deputation comprise the President, Vice President and the General Secretary."

Upon returning the President reported fully on the discussion held with Mr Barclay and advised that the deputation was concerned to learn that no Health Department Officer was present or available to the Advisory Committee nor was there any record of the Advisory Committee meetings readily available. Mr Barclay had undertaken to give careful study to the Executive's recommendations.

The next day Mr Fraser, Head Office Health Department attended the meeting and fully explained the whole problem of tutu toxins in comb and extracted honey. Mr Fraser also detailed the discussions his Department had had with D.S.I.R. and the difficulties associated with the testing procedures available. It was emphasised that very small quantities of toxin could have quite serious effects on people eating honey containing such toxin.

It was agreed by Mr Fraser that more research study and information would be helpful in deciding upon a policy approach to the whole question.

Following this discussion it was resolved

- (1) "That the draft letter to Mr Barclay again requesting review and reappraisal of the need to include extracted honey in the prohibition be endorsed on the basis that such honey be held and submitted for analysis prior to sale."
- (2) "That the Minister of Agriculture be advised that the Association's representatives on the Restricted Zone Advisory Committee be the President, Vice President and Mr B. Forsyth."

It was then further decided that the Secretary obtain copies of circulars sent out by the Ministry to producers in the restricted area.

(6) DRAFT HIVE LEVY REGULATIONS

The letter from Honey Marketing Authority indicating a reservation about the order of priorities for payments from the Hive Levy Account was taken in association with the principal question.

The Executive Committee gave consideration to Clauses 29B and to 29A 3(d).

At this stage Messrs E.W. Lee and D. Hayman, Ministry of Agriculture attended the meeting for the purpose of discussing the draft regulations.

In welcoming Messrs Lee and Hayman the President noted that due to pressure of duties Mr Lee was retiring from the Authority in favour of Mr Hayman and asked Mr Lee to accept the Association's good wishes for the assistance he had given during his term.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss the Draft Regulations; the following points were agreed

- (1) Re Comb Honey - Provision would be made whereby comb honey producers would be able to apply for Hive Levy exemption.
- (2) Re Priorities Claims on the Levy Account - The point that the Association should receive its budgeted requirements whether or not the fund was in temporary deficit was accepted: The Executive Committee agreed that should there be insufficient funds in the account to meet such a payment then the Authority could make an advance on normal bank lending terms, pending recovery from increased hive levy revenue.

The urgency in settling the draft was noted and it was left to Messrs Hayman and Beard to confer and agree upon the machinery of the alterations agreed upon and for copies of the revised draft to be sent to members of the Authority by the Ministry.

It was resolved

"That the Authority be asked to consider as a matter of urgency the revised draft so that it can be agreed and referred to the Minister before the end of December."

CORRESPONDENCE: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - advising that Mr D. Hayman had been appointed to the Honey Marketing Authority vice Mr E.W. Lee - received.

OUTWARD MEMO TO MR M. STUCKEY - re Federated Farmers - refer to heading under matters arising.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS BOARD - confirming Mr Fraser's appointment.
Received.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE - re Honey Grading Regulations Review.
The Ministry was replying to an enquiry that arose via a Conference Remit.

The Ministry indicated that it was its intention to charge a fee for grading based on the actual costs incurred in providing such a service.

After discussion it was resolved

- (1) "That the Association advise the Ministry that at this stage it could not support a grading fee based on total costs."
- (2) "That the General Secretary check on the Grading fees charged for the grading of other primary produce, such as fruit, butter and meat, and report back."

N.Z. COMB HONEY PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION - advising that its members did not support being included within the Hive Levy regulations.
Received - (refer earlier minute on subject).

OUTWARD TO MR P. BERRY - re expenditure on Hive Levy proposal - confirmed.

MR HARDIE BOYS - SOLICITOR TO ASSOCIATION - re Proposed changes to MEMORANDUM TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 13/11/74 the Rules of the Association.

It was pointed out by the Association's solicitor that while the proposed changes were acceptable they did tend to create certain anomalies.

It was duly resolved

- (1) "That the Solicitor be requested to register the amendments requested."
- (2) "That the Branches be advised that voting at Branch level at the Remit Meeting shall be those present or by proxy given to and exercised by a financial member of that Branch."
- (3) "That should the Hive Levy Regulations have been enacted the Association's Solicitor be requested to attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee for the purpose of discussing the Rules of the Association."

MR J.R. BARBER - advising that the Honey Suppliers' Association had now been wound up and the credit balance of \$155.31 was being paid to the Association to use as it considered appropriate. The Secretary's reply was tabled and duly endorsed.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY Replying to Executive Committee request for the payment of the 1974/75 Grant of \$4000 and enclosing their cheque for that sum. Received.

CANADIAN HONEY COUNCIL - advising that it was not proposed to proceed further with a bursar exchange. Received and noted.

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY - 18 October 1974 replying to a series of matters originating from the 1974 Conference which had been referred on by the Executive Committee.

- (i) Re Remit 12 Resolved
(a) "That the Waikato Branch be given a copy of the reply."
(b) "That the Executive take no further action other than to draw members' attention to the new seasons terms of trading which the Executive considers to be a move in the right direction."
- (ii) Re Remit 13 - Freight Allowance. Resolved
"That it be noted that the point is covered in the new season's trading conditions."
- (iii) Re Remit 15 - re Advice Notes Resolved
"That while the new season's trading supply conditions are more satisfactory the Executive is still somewhat concerned that the new proposals will not allow payment on delivery notes as in the past."
- (iv) Re Remit 29 - Price Lists. Resolved
"That the Editor be requested to obtain and publish the Authority's Price List."
- (v) Re Remit 36 - Purchase of Honey Dew. Resolved
"That a copy of the Authority's reply be made available to the Branch concerned."

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY Forwarding copies of general circulars covering the new season's purchase terms and conditions and also copies of the October newsletter. Received.

OUTWARD TO FOOD PROCESSING & CHEMICAL UNION The General Secretary advised that no reply to the outward letter of 1st October had been received - noted.

OUTWARD TO FEDERATED FARMERS re Sugar refining plant. Reply awaited - Secretary to check.

UNDER-SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE replying to Association's representation relative to the control of wasps. Resolved

"That a copy of the reply be made available to the Otago Branch and to the Editor."

HYGRADE PACKING COY. (ALEX HARVEY LTD) re surcharge on less than carton lots of honey tins. Resolved

"That the Secretary's action in referring a copy of the reply to the Waikato Branch be confirmed."

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE forwarding on a schedule of the requirements relating to the importation of sweet clover from Canada. Resolved

- (1) "That the schedule be received and a copy made available to Mr McKenzie."
- (2) "That the question of research into sweet clover development be placed on the March 1975 agenda."
(Note: outward letter 1/10/74 refers)

ATLANTIC & PACIFIC JOURNAL - re International Federation Conference, France August 1975. Received.

WAIKATO BRANCH - re President's Honorarium - procedure followed
in determination of question. Resolved

"That the views of the Waikato Branch be noted.

OUTWARD TO SUPERINTENDENT BEEKEEPING re

- (a) Apiary Instructor Hawkes Bay
- (b) Indiscriminate use of sprays. - Replies awaited

MINUTES OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21/11/74.

Mr McKenzie in reporting advised that Mr Cloake was prepared to continue his association with the Committee as the co-opted member.

Resolved

- (1) "That Mr McKenzie be the Executive Committee's representative on the Library Committee and that Mr M. Cloake's offer to continue his association with the Committee as the co-opted member be accepted."
- (2) "That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr C. Dawson."

THE BEEKEEPER:

Mr Stanton in reporting said he confidently expected the November issue to come out on time. There were many factors in the printing trade that affected the production of the journal. The August issue delay was the result of a number of factors including the printer. There was a problem in reducing the journal to close to 48 pages - recent issues had run to 68 pages. The number of copies per issue was 1250.

It was noted that printing quotations had been sought from a number of printers.

In the ensuing discussion Mr Penrose emphasised the importance of the journal coming out on time otherwise advertisers would lose interest. Also the journal was the mirror of the industry and if issue dates were well behind the publication time everyone became dissatisfied.

The composition and makeup of the journal was then discussed with Mr Stanton in some detail and it was noted that the November issue would cover the Conference, September Executive, the Taupo Seminar and the Gore Field Day as well as an article by Mr C. Dawson.

It was duly resolved

"That the question of the journal production be reviewed with the Editor again in March 1975."

ARTICLE ON CADETSHIP SCHEME: Resolved

"That the offer of Mr Stuckey to prepare a suitable article for the cadetship scheme for publication in the Beekeeper be accepted."

ACCOUNTS:

The accountant Mr John Read was in attendance. Resolved

- (1) "That the payments made since the September 1974 meeting and up to 30th November 1974 as set out in the schedule appended to these minutes and represented by cheques numbered from 801 to 813 inclusive and 841 to 855 inclusive totalling \$1798.65 be received and confirmed."
- (2) "That the receipts and payments statement to the end of November 1974 as presented be received."

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AMENDMENT BILL:

The General Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting on 21 November of Agricultural Employer Groups Convened by Federated Farmers. The Hon. Minister of Labour had attended the meeting for a period.

It was still Government's intention to proceed with an Amending Bill in 1975.

The Employer groups were advocating the setting up of a special Agricultural Tribunal to handle Agricultural Awards.

A copy of the letter sent by Federated Farmers to the Minister setting out the views of the employer groups was tabled.

After discussion it was resolved

"That the Association join with other Agricultural Employer groups in supporting the principle of the establishment of a separate Agricultural Tribunal under the proposed Agricultural Workers Amendment Bill."

DEPARTMENT OF AGRONOMY:

MASSEY UNIVERSITY - re Short Courses

Mr Berry tabled a letter he had received from Mr E. Roberts, Lecturer in Agronomy relative to possible short courses in Beekeeping.

It was noted that the proposals were aimed at the hobbyists rather than the semi and commercial beekeepers. The period of facility availability would be in the November-February period.

The Executive Committee also considered whether it could be practical to extend the length of seminars and it was decided that this possibility be discussed further with the Minister of Agriculture.

In respect of the short course proposal it was resolved

"That Mr Roberts be advised that a short course for hobbyists could be practical and that a period in January could be a convenient time."

1975 CONFERENCE: Mr McKenzie reported on the action taken by the South Canterbury Branch to arrange the Conference in Timaru. The Conference sessions would be held at the Chateau Commodore.

There would be a bar lunch available at \$2.50 and the Motel Units would average out at between \$14 and \$15 per person per day. The social evening would be held at the Seven Oaks.

The Conference registration fee would be \$5 per person (or \$7.50 double) and this would cover morning and afternoon teas etc.

The Conference and Executive meeting dates were confirmed as under:

Monday and Tuesday June 23/24 Executive Committee

Wednesday/Thursday/Friday June 25/26/27 Conference.

It was resolved

- (1) "That all Branches be advised of the Conference date and requested to advise the Secretary of the South Canterbury Branch, Mr M. Cloake, of their accommodation requirements."
- (2) "That the Honey Marketing Authority be advised of the Conference dates and related particulars."

GENERAL POLICY ON ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND COMMITTEES Resolved

"That in general it be policy that Association representatives on outside bodies and committees be, or include, serving members of the Executive Committee."

RESTRICTED AREA - COROMANDEL: - Copy of a letter forwarded to Hon, Minister of Agriculture by Mr J.C. Higgins, 2 Robert Street, Waihi and signed by twelve interested beekeepers in that region. Resolved

"That Mr Higgins be thanked for the copy of the letter made available and for the action taken to support the Executive's request for a reappraisal of the restriction imposed."

NEXT MEETING: Resolved

"That the next meeting of the Executive Committee be held in Wellington on Monday and Tuesday March 3rd and 4th 1975 commencing at 10 a.m. on 3 March."

COMPLIMENTS OF SEASON: Before closing the meeting the President extended to fellow members and staff all good wishes for the festive season and a happy 1975.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.35 p.m.

R. Morrison Chairman
3/3/75 Date